

IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

THE TREND OF THINGS.

Laymen's Movement to the Churches.

The general secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, Mr. J. Campbell White, has issued a message to the churches of the United States and Canada, calling attention to the fact that the movement was five years old on November 1st last. The movement, which has been in existence for five years, has witnessed the most extensive and inspiring increase of missionary interest during modern times. The greatest series of union meetings for Christian men ever held in North America has occurred during this period. Several hundred thousand men have been reached directly and many more indirectly.

The movement has proved, thinks the secretary, that the religious attitude for foreign missions is not a hindrance but a help to every other Christian activity. With larger offerings for work abroad have come larger gifts for work at home. The spirit of the movement has been a phenomenal development. Great communities are now co-operating to a degree supposed to be impossible five years ago. The highest standards of Christian stewardship are coming to be recognized and adopted. That most expensive of all human effort, prayer, is being offered with multiplying frequency by laymen.

The secretary states that financial gains to missions during the five years are the greatest ever made during a similar period by the churches of entire nations. Churches of Canada have increased from \$1,482,200 to \$2,160,000 annually in their combined home and foreign gifts. Taking the United States and Canada together, the increase of foreign missions alone has been from \$1,396,000 to \$1,850,000 annually, or a gain of about 30 per cent. In addition to this increase in current gifts, more than \$3,000,000 has been raised during the past two years in special equipment or endowment for foreign work.

The secretary says the movement expects to co-operate with the missionary agencies of the churches until the work of world evangelization is actually accomplished. At present there are twenty regular paid secretaries of the movement, and the number is steadily increasing. The movement is not a spasmodic or temporary sentiment, says the secretary, but the expression of a profound and determined purpose to see that the men of the churches to the accomplishment of the greatest task ever committed to human agency.

Big Campaign for Industrial Workers.

Seventeen religious bodies sent official delegates to a recent conference on social service work, called by the secretary of that department of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The delegates, representing the Baptist, Christian, Congregational, Disciples, German Evangelical, Mennonite, Methodist, Methodist South, Methodist African, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Reformed, United Brethren, and United Presbyterian churches, reported that nearly all of their bodies had organized or contemplated social service work. Those which have commissions in active work are Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal.

A committee consisting of Prof. S. Z. Batten, Prof. Graham Taylor, Prof. Walter Rauschenbush, the Rev. Harry F. Ward, and Jacob Rilk, recommended the publication of a large series of handbooks on social service for use in the churches and such publications were authorized. Adjustment was made between the Federal Council and the various commissions of individual religious bodies. This adjustment is that each body do as much as it can by itself, and in all larger efforts co-operate through the council. It was recommended that social service be taught in theological seminaries, and that through the use of handbooks, ministers and lay people in the churches be trained in the need for social service and ways to further it.

It was announced that a nation-wide campaign is to be started at an early date for one day rest in seven for industrial workers. In the list of men pledged to further this campaign in behalf of industrial workers are Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts; Prof. Herbert L. Wilbur, of the University of Chicago; John M. Glenn, of the Sage Foundation; the Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, of Pittsburgh; Prof. Edward A. Steiner, of Iowa; the Rev. Dr. William I. Haven, of the American Bible Society; Prof. Graham Taylor, and Jacob Rilk.

Testimonial to Able Jewish Woman.

Miss Sadie American is president of the New York section of the Council of Jewish Women. She is also executive secretary of the Council of Jewish Women of the United States. Aggressive and able, accustomed to attack big problems and to solve them, she has long known not only warm friends, but also warm and active enemies. The rumor is that some of the latter in the national council would not object were she to resign, or be superseded by another woman next year.

In part to show her standing at home, and in part to honor her for really great things achieved, Miss American has just been given substantial testimonials from Jewish women of New York. Among the givers of these testimonials are some of the most prominent leaders in Jewish society. With the testimonials were addresses, one personal and the other general, recording the achievements of Jewish women of New York under her leadership.

The list of these achievements is a long one, and includes an advance in membership from 30 to 1,700, the founding of two great charities, one for wayward girls and one for sick girls out of employment, a remarkable home work for the blind, through which they earn money for support, the founding of an immigrant aid bureau, and the successful operation of several employment agencies for Jewish girls.

Introduction of Bidding Prayers.

In several large churches in Eastern cities, particularly Episcopal ones, although not wholly limited to that communion, the seventeenth century plan of bidding prayers is being revived. These prayers are not put into prayer services a week night, but are employed on great occasions, and sometimes they are now forming part of regular Sunday morning worship. Bidding prayers, which have their origin at a period when no means at all occupants of pews were to be read.

Bidding prayers are intercessory, and are extremely personal and specific. In the manner now adopted the leader, bishop, or pastor, does not read the prayer. The act seems to be pastoral and hortatory, rather than sacramental. The people stand, and after each petition, which is uttered in a low voice, the minister begins in each case with "and you," and then follows with "and the celebration of the one hun-

drith anniversary of St. George's Church, New York, famous as the work of the Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, and later of the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, the vast congregation, including Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, former Mayor Seth Low, and other distinguished people, all were bidden from the pulpit to pray for the President of the United States, the mayor of New York, the church throughout the world, and similar definite persons and causes, and then there was read a list of names of former New York ministers, and laymen connected with St. George's, with the command to give thanks for such lives and to pray for the continuation of work which they did in their time.

Churches have long had sermons, prayers, psalm reading, Bible lessons, anthems, and hymns. Bidding prayers form a new yet old variety in public religious worship, and are being introduced not alone on great occasions, but into ordinary Sunday morning services.

Whole Country Aroused on Religion.

In number of laymen who attend its conventions, and of those in cities where convention had not been planned who enter upon work of their own accord, the Men and Religion campaign, thus far exceeds the most hopeful expectations of its projectors. From every part of the United States and Canada reports come of campaigns planned, committees of laymen appointed, and in more than one hundred cities executive secretaries provided to give all of their time.

Conventions thus far held have exceeded in local interest anything yet planned for a religious nature. The surveys are being conducted with the greatest care, and have attracted widest attention are the social service, the boy welfare, and evangelism. In the first named the survey is providing the striking feature, for it presents to local church authorities conditions of saloons, working hours of laboring men, health precautions, and other important data which often they never dreamed of. The surveys are being put into permanent form, and after conventions are over are left with local workers for use and guidance.

Committees of responsible laymen have just been named in New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Baltimore, Buffalo, and Charleston to take hold of conventions and campaigns. In Boston work is well advanced for a January convention. The same is true of Pittsburgh, where a careful survey is making, and a street parade of men and boys is planned. Cities not on the original list like Batavia, N. Y., Mansfield, Minn., Denison, Texas, Lawrence, Kan., and Poughkeepsie, N. Y., have taken up the movement on their own initiative.

The movement has been surprised and gratified, it states, by the unexpectedly large number of foremost ministers, almost all bodies, who have thrown themselves into the campaign in their own cities. Reports from cities in which conventions have thus far been held are to the effect that the team plan, a new one, works out to greater satisfaction than expected. Newspapers are giving space to it in amount such as they never gave, it is stated, to any religious undertaking. Conventions just ahead in New York, New York, Denison, Texas, Houston, St. Louis, Nashville, Charleston, W. Va., and Topeka, Kan.

POPE TO SEND SERVICE FATHER L'EPICIER HERE AS FALCONIO'S SUCCESSOR

Plans to Increase Strength of Church in America—May Soon Name Quigley Cardinal.

Behind the rejoicing of American Catholics over the elevation of the Archbishop of New York and the Archbishop of Boston to the sacred college of their church is a realization of the fact that the event that is to transpire in the Vatican in Rome within the next few hours means much for advance of the Catholic Church in the United States. It is true that Cardinal Farley and Cardinal O'Connell have no more official power than they had as archbishops, but their unofficial

The belief is general that another consistory will be held early next year. It is possible that more cardinals will be created now than have been announced, and also proclaimed, but, if not, additional ones will soon be created. The curia is still short of prelates, and Pope Pius X is requiring orders, among them the Franciscan, the greatest of all, to elect Italians at their head rather than prelates of other nationalities. These heads the Pope will soon elevate to the cardinalate. Discussion at this time is heard of the Archbishop of Spoleto, the Archbishop of Florence, Mr. Della Chiesa and Mr. Paserini, as possible new cardinals.

Archbishop Quigley, of Chicago, came near being created cardinal at this consistory. Archbishop Farley was early decided upon, but the other selection laid between Chicago and Boston. Largely because of the personal friends of Archbishop O'Connell had in Rome from his long residence there, he was selected rather than Quigley. But at any time another consistory may select Archbishop Quigley, and the possible cardinals of Catholic population contained in Chicago, and in that province. Discussion was also had this time of a Canadian cardinal, but the ability of both Archbishop Reha and Archbishop Brichart proved for now the undoing of both.

Singularly, this consistory upsets to some extent the situation in the sacred college regarding the possible next Pope. This matter of a next Pope is heard, and rightly, for it is to be remembered that Pope Pius X is in his seventy-eighth year. The chances in the situation are due to the entrance into the sacred college at this consistory of Mr. Lugari and Mr. Pompili. Both are remarkable personalities, and both are Italians. Mr. Lugari was one of the most successful lawyers of Italy until he was fifty years of age. Yet five years after entering the ranks of the clergy he reached his present office, that of assessor of the holy office, one of the most important in Rome, and one that brings him into constant touch with the Pope. His force of character and extraordinary ability now putting him from the holy office into the sacred college are also making him a member of the small list of six or seven from whom it is believed the next Pope will be chosen.

Consistory Numbers Sixty-three. This consistory increases the number of the Sacred College from 47 to 50, provided no more cardinals are created and proclaimed than have been announced. The number of Italians and those not Italians are almost exactly equal, a condition that has not obtained before in 60 years at least. There is still a margin of seven, the traditional college numbering seventy, but it is never filled.

Pope's Finances.

Pope Pius X or his successor will have no difficulty over finances if he create and proclaim cardinals two or three more American archbishops. The elevation of Mr. Falconio at this consistory and his recall to Rome for work in the curia means a necessary addition to the papal financial budget of \$4,500 a year. And the Pope of Rome is a poor man. That is while he has a big income, he has a bigger expense budget, and demands upon his purse are far behind its ability to meet. But America supports its cardinals, and much more. The dress of cardinals, the red of the right shade, the four hats, one of which the cardinal never wears, all these things are very interesting, and all change the life and often the position of the wearers. Cardinal Farley, of New York, is likely a case in point for dress and display, but Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, is likely to give New England touches of Roman pageantry and reality such as it has not heretofore seen. The difference is due to the temperaments of the men and their different ideas of the proper method for them to reach and influence for God and His church the people of this new republic.

Japan's new child labor law prohibits the employment of any person less than twelve years of age and the employment of women or of children less than fifteen years old more than twelve hours a day.

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LIVE TOPICS OF THE DAY IN WASHINGTON CHURCHES

A union Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday, November 30, at 10:30 a. m. in the United Brethren Church, North Capitol and B streets, at which Dr. Henry S. Brundage, pastor of the Eckington Presbyterian Church, will take as his subject "Lights and shadows." Special music will be provided. The churches uniting at this service are the Eckington Presbyterian, Gurley Memorial Presbyterian, United Brethren, Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant, and St. Paul Methodist Episcopal South. The pastors of all these churches will participate in the service.

Declaring that without the help of organized Christianity—the church—socialized itself would collapse, the Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith gave, on Sunday morning, at St. Thomas P. E. Church, the first of his series of sermons on "Are men giving the church a square deal?" He claimed that though men antagonistic to the church have done fine work, yet their parents or their surroundings have been Christian. To show how men's lives affected their children and their neighbors, he quoted the records of the descendants of two families, one influenced by the church and the other not.

In five generations there were 1,200 descendants from the latter family. Of these 210 were professional paupers; 40 were physically wrecked by their own wickedness. More than half the women were immoral. Of the whole number, 13 were convicted criminals, sixty habitual thieves, and seven murderers.

The other descendants came from Jonathan Edwards, a New England pastor. Not one of his 1,204 descendants was convicted of a crime; 130 were religious workers, thirteen college presidents, three United States Senators, sixty-five college professors, 100 lawyers, fifty physicians, seventy-five army and navy officers, and sixty prominent authors. Several were governors of States, and one was Vice President.

The poor workmanability of mechanics, so prevalent in recent years, and the spread of unbelief as manifested in socialism, could also be traced, Dr. Smith thought, to a disregard of the teachings of the church.

"Every man has a perfect right to say whether he will bring the church into his life or not," said Dr. Smith in conclusion. "That is between him and his Maker. But that man cannot deny that he and his, and everything around him have been helped mightily by this church. It is not the part of true manhood to sit in a boat and see other men bending their backs getting the boat ashore. Take an oar. Don't rely on other people's goodness and other people's work. Stop being a leazer; be a lifter."

The Pastors' Federation of Washington and vicinity will hold its regular meeting in the Young Men's Christian Association assembly hall Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, will deliver an address on his recent trip to South America.

The Intermediate Society of Riverdale Presbyterian Church is having an interesting contest between the red and the white side, which is to continue through the month of December. Points are counted as follows: For participation by reading, 2; by an original talk, 5; for proficiency in Bible drill, 2; for voluntary prayer, 1; for punctuality at the prayer meeting, 2; for new members, 15. F. M. Stephens is adviser to the society, which now has 22 members. The members enjoyed a straw vote to Hyattsville last night.

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Men Who Fly Are Always High Strung.

The man who starts from one great city to another brings the new scene into highways and byways where new things rarely travel. He crosses the city and the narrow streets beneath are black with people, and when they seem blown by gusts of wind he knows that they are rushing madly for a better view of him. City roofs are suddenly populated, down the dizzy perspective of some skyscraper half a thousand upturned faces peer toward him, street cars empty their loads for two or three or four brief minutes he is the vivid center of attraction. Then the power of his great machine sweeps him beyond the city, beyond its encircling suburbs, where steamships and automobiles and factories shriek their whistles in a bedlam of mad acclaim. He turns over fields where only an occasional farmer stops his plow to look at the stranger thing he has seen in all his long years of life, evades a pursuing automobile, swift, but earth-bound and impotent, gives a moment of excitement to an invalid, bedridden, dying party, mourners gathered beside an open grave in a country cemetery, invades a picnic and gives it unexpected delight, sweeps above these things, his course along a mountain ledge, sending a giant eagle scared to his eyrie. This, then, is the joy and the novelty of cross-country flying. You need go no further to inquire the reason for his nation-wide popularity.

But the man who flies above a meet in an inclosed field knows that the source of his excitement is fairly well assured. He knows that a stand filled with prosperous folk gives him an opportunity for making a charge that for any other sort of outdoor performance would be extortionate. Just hint at that and your unfortunate word. Aviators in this stage of the new science are more high strung than opera singers, and even the suspicion of criticism is enough to make one of these stars turn his back upon a manager, who to be most successful must act the role of supplicant. "Extortionate!" Just hint at that and your well-trained aviator will turn around and quickly make the tremendous death roll of last year and then ask you if any price is "extortionate" for a man to demand when he takes his life in his hands.

The Gobbling of Turkey.

Charles Wellington Feltus, is Harper's Weekly. Mahomedanism is characterized by one of its most contrasting, and it is difficult to predict which way it will tend. When the French penetrated Tunisia, the most careful military preparations were made for an attack on Kairwan, the most sacred Moslem city of North Africa, for they feared that the followers of the prophet would make their most determined stand. To the surprise of the invaders, on reaching its goal they found the city open, and Kairwan was occupied without a shot being fired.

Tripolitania, however, is the home of the most fanatical sect of North Africa, the Senoussis, whose propaganda is the re-establishment of aggressive Mohammedanism; secondly, it is a land of nomadic and untamed tribes, and, thirdly, it is the territory of the most aggressive of all Mohammedans, the Turks, and under their control. The Turks are past masters in dealing with European aggression. So, in view of these facts, it is not surprising that a defensive stand will be taken, in which the hostilities reported to date will have only begun.

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Scene Will Be Most Brilliant of Centuries, and the Eternal City Is Showing Deep Interest in American Cardinals.

Prelates to Be Elevated to the Cardinalate

Mgr. S. M. Cos y Macho, Archbishop of Valladolid.

Mgr. Diomedea Falconio, apostolic delegate at Washington.

Mgr. A. Vico, papal nuncio at Madrid.

Mgr. J. Granito di Belmonte, Pignatelli.

The Most Rev. John M. Farley, Archbishop of New York.

The Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster.

The Most Rev. Francis S. Bauer, Archbishop of Omaha.

Mgr. L. A. Amette, Archbishop of Paris.

The Most Rev. William H. O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston.

Mgr. F. V. Dubillard, Archbishop of Chambéry.

The Most Rev. Franz X. Nagel, Archbishop of Vienna.

Mgr. De Cabrera, Bishop of Montpellier, France.

Mgr. Biletti, papal major domo.

Mgr. Lugari, assessor of the holy office.

Mgr. Pompili, secretary of the Congregation Council.

Mgr. Billot, of the Jesuit order.

Mgr. Van Rossum, Redemptionist.

Mgr. Enrique de Almaraz, Archbishop of Seville.

Rome, Nov. 25.—Italian interest shifted from the war office to the Vatican today, and is centered in the eighteen prelates of the Catholic Church now in Rome and the ceremonies that will elevate them to the dignity of cardinal on Monday. The entire city is decorated in honor of the occasion and from the home being paid the visiting prelates, one would never imagine the Vatican and the government are, figuratively, at war.

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Not in centuries has a consistory attracted so much outside interest as the present one, owing to the large number of cardinals to be created, and the ceremony being paid the visiting prelates, one would never imagine the Vatican and the government are, figuratively, at war.

The rejoicing of Americans over the appointment of three new American cardinals is echoed here by the thousands of Italians who journeyed to their native country when the first hint of war with Turkey was given, and they saw that in fact, devout Italians generally are showing more interest in the American prelates than in those of their own blood.

It is due to the fact that they view the recognition of the American churchmen as a sure sign of the spread of Catholicism in the United States.

Two distinct ceremonies will be performed when the new prelates of the church receive their insignia of office. The first will be at the consistory, to be held on Monday, when the cardinals are to be formally created and receive the red hat from the hands of the Pope.

At this ceremony the Pope will ask the opinion of the sacred college concerning the newly named, and will then solemnly proclaim them cardinals in the name of the Holy Catholic Church. The actual words used in this rite are: "By the authority of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of our own, we create you cardinals of the Holy Roman Catholic Church."

The Pope will then place the red hat upon the newly appointed and say: "You are created cardinals of the Holy God and the adornment of the holy apostolic see, this red hat, the sign of the unequalled dignity of the cardinalate